proclamation, open specific areas to allow the taking of oysters or clams shellfish and may designate time, place, character, or dimensions of any method or equipment that may be employed.

(d) It is unlawful to take oysters from Seed Management Areas for planting on shellfish leases or franchises without first obtaining a Permit to Transplant Oysters from Seed Management Areas from the Fisheries Director. The procedures and requirements for obtaining permits are found in 15A NCAC 03O .0500.

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VII. RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS

- Investigate the start up cost for a bay scallop hatchery.
- Determine the amount of seed required to restore the bay scallop population.
- Determine placement, size, and impacts to the local fishing grounds for bay scallop sanctuaries.

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